

Guided 9 Day Tour



GUIDED 9 DAY / 10 DIVE PACKAGE

SODWANA / GAME PARK / ALIWAL SHOAL



Enjoy an incredible **9 Day Guided Tour** to the Famous Dive Sites of South Africa including a chance to see the Big 5!

Welcome to **Meridian Dive**, where you can find exactly what you are looking for!

We offer some of the best and most exciting diving in the world – experience diving with ragged tooth sharks, tiger sharks, dolphins, whales, turtles, black tip sharks and sometimes manta rays...to name a few. Meridian Dive will provide your Guided Southern Africa Safari that will not only give you unforgettable diving but we also offer a land safari tour to a private game park where you can see the Big 5 game animals. Aliwal Shoal is rated as one of the Top 10 Dive Sites of the world for our varied and seasonal sea life, and along with Sodwana, you will enjoy some of the most exciting diving to be experienced!

BASIC ITINERARY

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| Day 1 | Arrive & transfer to Sodwana Bay |
| Day 2 | 2 dives at Sodwana |
| Day 3 | 2 dives at Sodwana |
| Day 4 | 2 dives, then transfer to the private game park |
| Day 5 | Game Drives |
| Day 6 | Game Drive, transfer to Aliwal Shoal |
| Day 7 | Baited shark dive and reef dive |
| Day 8 | 2 reef and/or wreck dives |
| Day 9 | Depart |



FULL ITINERARY

DAY 1

Welcome! Upon your arrival, you will be met at Durban's King Shaka International Airport by your guide, transfer to your own vehicles or the guides vehicle then depart for Sodwana Bay (+-4 hours drive North). There will be a stop on the way to purchase some light snacks. On arrival in Sodwana, book into your accommodation.

You can choose from two different resorts:

Your Sodwana Bay Resort is set back from the forested sand dunes. Your reed and thatch chalet has twin beds, en-suite shower and toilet, bath towels, ceiling fan, mosquito nets, bar fridge, tea/coffee and TV, serviced daily. There is a safe in the room. The restaurant for your buffet breakfast and dinner is close by, with a pub and swimming pool. Lunch snacks can be purchased at the beach between dives.

Sodwana Smaller Resort is also set back from the beach, and has standard basic log cabin with two single beds, all linen, bath towels and mosquito nets. There is a private shower room attached to the back of the cabin with an open air shower and covered toilet and basin.

DAY 2 AND DAY 3

Transfer by vehicle to the beach, kit up under shaded tents, and enjoy 2 dives to the various reefs of Sodwana Bay. Then when the diving is finished, transfer back to your resort to relax in the afternoon or enjoy one of the local activities. Your 6 Dive Package is to 2 Mile Reef, a huge, beautiful reef which is a very short distance by RIB/zodiac from the beach.

DAY 4

After your last two dives, transfer (+-1.5 hours drive) to your private game park for two nights. A unique feature is the luxury tented accommodation which offers you the ultimate "Out of Africa" experience. It is en-suite, with a private wooden sun deck. Sleep peacefully and listen to the African bush life. Depending of time of arrival, we may do a game drive.

DAY 5

The morning game drive will be into the famous Hluhluwe and Umfolozi game park – one of the very finest in Africa. Lunch will be scheduled around the drives. Stay your last night, and you can enjoy a Boma braai buffet under the stars.

DAY 6

After an early morning game drive, transfer (+-4 hours South) to Durban. Here we stop off at Ushaka (dolphin aquarium on the Durban beach front) for an early evening meal, before transferring (1 hours drive South) to your accommodation at Aliwal Shoal. Comfortable rooms, en-suite private rooms.

DAY 7

An early morning rise and transfer to the dive site to enjoy a baited shark dive, followed by a reef dive. Breakfast will be arranged around the diving. There is a restaurant at the dive site for lunch between or after diving. Then spend the afternoon relaxing or enjoying one of the local activities. In the evening you will be taken to a restaurant nearby for your dinner.

DAY 8

Another early morning rise to enjoy two dives on the world famous Aliwal Shoal, either reef, wreck or shark dives. You can then spend the afternoon relaxing or enjoying one of the local activities. Over night at the same accommodation. You can do another baited shark dive if you prefer, for an optional extra.



DAY NINE

Good buys, sign logbooks, transfer to the airport, to have a safe journey home!

RATES:

Please request the rates info@meridiandive.com

WHATS INCLUDED:

Transfers – (within the itinerary)
Dive Guide for the entire trip
You-tube video of your holiday to share with your friends on-line

SODWANA

3 nights accommodation
Meals within the itinerary
6 dives to 2 mile reef
Weight belt, weights, cylinder
One of the entry tickets to marine reserve

PRIVATE GAME PARK

2 nights 4* accommodation
Breakfast, lunch, dinner included
Various Game Drives

ALIWAL SHOAL

3 nights 4 * accommodation bed and breakfast
1 x baited shark dive, followed by reef dive
2 x reef and/or wreck dives
Weight belt, weights, cylinder

Scuba diving licences included

As per the Department of Environment and Tourism, all divers will be required to have a scuba diving licence to dive in a marine protected area at Aliwal Shoal and Sodwana, which we will organise – it's a nominal fee.

WHATS EXCLUDED

All travel outside the itinerary
Sodwana Bay drinks and beach lunches
Aliwal Shoal drinks, lunch and dinner
Equipment hire
We are rebreather friendly and have absorbent and cylinders.
Sodwana Dive excess prices are charged for the further reefs over and above the '2 mile' reef price, which can be paid for on departure, depending on the reefs we decide to go to (nominal fee)
Single supplements
DVD of the trip – you are welcome to book one, and be the star of the holiday!



NOTES:

- The TOUR can be CUSTOM MADE for groups.
- Additional vehicle hire seats a maximum of 8 guests.
- Reduced rates smaller parties travelling in a smaller vehicle.
- Dive equipment available for hire.
- Please bring dive cards, logbooks, travel insurance card
- Your tour is guided by Barry Coleman, an experienced SATSA Guide and Dive Leader
- Single supplement and non divers welcome – please request your rates.



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Please do email me after reading through all the information with all your questions!

At your service

Best regards

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